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BULLETIN MATTER

The Bulletin is happy to appear this week in a new dress. The hope is that it'll show off a bit better some of the stories that the Club will be developing in the weeks to come.

Perhaps more important is the belief that this modest modernization will bring with it an efficient mailing system. Many Members, particularly those overseas, have not been receiving their copies regularly or at all in recent months.

To correct this, we've not only changed the format but the printer as well—and have installed a brand-new address-graphing setup.

All of which was made possible by actions of the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors by a substantial hike in the Bulletin budget.

To make it tick, we'll need your help in rounding up news of Club activities and members. Just shoot it to us, in any form, to The Club, so that we get it by Tuesday afternoons.

....AND an ad on Page 3 would look sort of nice, wouldn't it?

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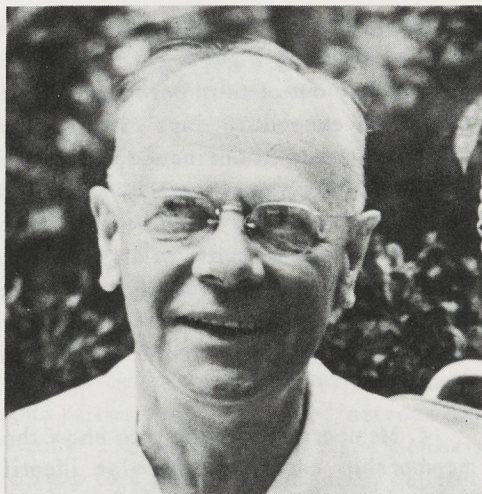
OPC now has exchange privileges with the Dallas and Los Angeles Press Clubs. During the past year, the Hospitality Committee also began negotiations with the San Francisco, Toronto, Montreal, London and Nat'l Press Clubs.

DELINQUENT MEMBERS DROPPED

Fifty-seven members have been dropped from the Club roster for delinquent dues.

The action was taken by the Board following the legal procedure in which the individuals were first informed by registered mail and their names posted for 30 days. Many of the original posted list either paid up or resigned. The remaining 57, who were dropped, had not responded in any way.

LOCHNER BECOMES PRESIDENT OF OPC, MEMBERS VOTE IN 3 VP'S AND BOARD



... Louis Lochner

LOUIS LOCHNER took over the OPC reins last Thursday night, April 28, when he became the first president elected in the new Clubhouse.

Unopposed, he was selected by acclamation of the full house (150), as was Secretary-Treasurer A. WILFRED MAY for his second term in that office.

A total of 113 votes, including 22 absentee ballots, were cast for the three vice presidents elected out of four nominees on the slate. Only 88 were filed for the Board of Governors selection, which was conducted separately. (See ELECTION RESULTS in middle column.)

Thus, LOCHNER, the former AP Berlin bureau chief, assumes a post he once held before when, as he recalled in the acceptance talk, we had only limited, cramped quarters. "But," he remembered, "we had did have a dream" which has come true.

LOCHNER succeeds BOB CONSIDINE, who was given a standing, applause-filled vote of thanks for accepting the presidency during the trying first year in the Clubhouse. (CONSIDINE was not present. He was covering the delayed A-Bomb tests in Nevada.)

The meeting, held in the Dining Room, produced some fireworks from the floor. GERRY WYNNE's comments ignited some of the display enlivening the evening. His remarks finally took the form of an approved motion calling for the appointment of a committee to re-examine the entire election nominating procedure. The committee will report its findings and recommendations before the next semi-annual business meeting. WYNNE's stated general objective was to give a "broader base" to the present method.

Another suggestion from an unidentified Member called for the mailing of ballots in advance. This will be part of the committee's study.

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ELECTION RESULTS

Following are the OPC officers and Governors elected at the Annual Business Meeting last Thursday, April 28:

PRESIDENT: LOUIS LOCHNER

First Vice President:

KATHRYN CRAVENS

Second Vice President:

ANSEL TALBERT

Third Vice President: HAL LEHRMAN

Secretary-Treasurer:

A. WILFRED MAY

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

JOHN BARKHAM, KATHLEEN MC LAUGHLIN, CORNELIUS RYAN, BEN GRAUER, RUTH LLOYD, SEYMOUR BERKSON, MADELINE ROSS and GABRIEL PRESSMAN.

Alternates: FLEUR COWLES, HELEN ZOTOS and WALTER RUNDLE.

Note: The board members elected are listed above in order of the number of votes received. All were for two-year terms except PRESSMAN whose tenure will be one year. (For details, see Annual Meeting Story.)

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BARKHAM opened the proceedings with some extemporaneous thoughts, in lieu of the official President's Report. The former First Vice President and now Governor said the acquisition of the building and its operation "had gone better than expected." The new administration was advised by him to pay attention to likelihood that the present building is too small. We've advanced from the bush leagues to the majors, and from now on, he said, we must become a professional organization with certain educational objectives.

The choice of LOCHNER, he commented, is a "happy one". His (LOCHNER's) mind is buzzing with suggestions for things to be done to qualify OPC as a professional club, BARKHAM said.

Meanwhile, BARKHAM paid tribute to the important role of the Correspondents' Fund. "There is," he insisted, "complete understanding between the Board and the Fund."

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the conference by staffers. The AP contingent included Olin Clements, from Singapore; Harold K. Milks from New Delhi; Robert Hewett, from the Cairo bureau; and Robert Eunson from the Tokyo bureau.

The UP actually had six men covering the conference in Bandung, the old Dutch colonial city of 75,000 population, where the unique conference was held. They were Gene Symovitz, from Singapore; Frank Jordan, whose home base is Jakarta; Robert Udick, from the Manila bureau; Stuart Hensley, all the way from the Washington bureau of UP; and Day Inoshita, from the Tokyo bureau, and George Bitar, from Beirut.

The New York Times sent Tillman Durdin, chief of its Southeastern Asia staff, from Singapore over to report on the conference, as well as Bob Alden from Singapore also. At the same time, it brought Bob Doti, chief of its middle-eastern staff, all the way from Cairo to cover the conference for Times readers.

All in all, the gathering of such a large body of newsmen in one of the out of the way areas of the world resulted in some of the most vivid and clearcut dispatches to come out of any international conference. In so far as the Afro-Asian conference lacked concrete issues and no fixed agenda, the reporting was all the more remarkable. Observers back in the U.S. rated it a first rate example of foreign correspondence at its best.

(Editor's Note: John Wilhelm, chief of McGraw Hill's world news setup, has agreed

GREEK PARTY THIS TUESDAY P.M.

Club Calendar

Tues., May 10: Greek Party (See Story)

Tues., May 17: Party for FRANK BARTHOLOMEW, new UP president.

Fri., May 20: Executive Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m.

We're Making Money, Losing It or Breaking Even - We Think!

Secretary-Treasurer A. WILFRED MAY reported last Thursday night: During the fiscal year ended March 31, 1955, net income amounted to \$9,144.36. The seven months' operations in the new Clubhouse showed a loss of \$1,661.49. MAY explained, however, that this loss resulted from the deduction of \$36,585.13 for "unapportioned expenses (including administration, house, Bulletin, etc.) plus fixed charges (for rent, real estate taxes, insurance and depreciation)." By subtracting net income of \$9,689.51 from the \$36,585.13 figure, the sec'y-treasurer arrived at a loss of \$26,895.62. Then, by crediting membership income of \$25,234.13, he came up with the net loss of \$1,661.49.

to serve as editor of the "Overseas Ticker" column. A longtime foreign correspondent, John recently returned to NYC from Mexico City to take over his present post. All potential "Overseas Ticker" copy should be addressed to him c/o The Club.)

A "Greek Party" is on tap this Tuesday evening, May 7, at 6 o'clock, in the Clubhouse and is billed by the sponsoring Hospitality Committee as one of the most promising of its regional events.

It will include:

1. A performance by Elena Nicolaidi, noted Met contralto.
2. A half-dozen dancing girls, Greek folk style.
3. Favors, including flags and Evzone dolls.
4. A 5-piece Greek folk music orchestra.
5. Five varieties of wines, including Greece's famous Resina.

The Committee's ranking guest of honor will be the Greek ambassador, George Melas. That nation's permanent UN delegate - Christian Palamas - will also be present.

Following the cocktail period, the dinner menu will feature foods for which Greece is famous, including bar-b-que, lamb, pastries, cheeses, caviar, and egg lemo soup. There'll be Metaxa brady and oodles of other delicacies. Tab for the evening is \$3.50.

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